

SENATE BILL No. 1368

September 9, 2004, Introduced by Senator PRUSI and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 175 (MCL 600.175), as added by 2003 PA 78.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 175. (1) The judicial technology improvement fund is
2 created in the state treasury. The money in the fund shall be
3 used as provided in this section.

4 (2) The state treasurer shall credit to the judicial
5 technology improvement fund deposits of proceeds from the
6 collection of revenue from court fees as provided in this act and
7 shall credit all income from investment credited to the fund by
8 the state treasurer. The state treasurer may invest money in the
9 fund in any manner authorized by law for the investment of state
10 money. However, an investment shall not interfere with any
11 apportionment, allocation, or payment of money as required by

1 this section. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund all
2 income earned as a result of an investment of money in the fund.
3 ~~The~~ **Except as provided in subsection (3), the** unencumbered
4 balance remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
5 remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund.

6 (3) **For the state fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 only,**
7 **\$1,500,000.00 of the unencumbered balance remaining in the fund**
8 **at the end of that fiscal year shall be transferred by the state**
9 **treasurer to the general fund.**

10 (4) ~~(3)~~ The state court administrative office shall
11 administer the judicial technology improvement fund. Money from
12 the fund shall be expended for the development and ongoing
13 support of a statewide judicial information system. The supreme
14 court and the state court administrative office, working with the
15 departments of state police, corrections, information technology,
16 and secretary of state and with the prosecuting attorneys
17 association of Michigan, will develop a statewide
18 telecommunications infrastructure to integrate criminal justice
19 information systems. The judicial technology improvement fund
20 shall also be used to pursue technology innovations that will
21 result in enhanced public service and access to local trial
22 courts. These innovations will include, but not be limited to,
23 electronic filing, on-line payments of fines and fees, data
24 warehousing, and web-based instructions for completion of court
25 documents.

26 (5) ~~(4)~~ The state court administrative office shall be
27 reimbursed annually from the judicial technology improvement fund

1 for all reasonable costs associated with the administration of
2 this section, including judicial and staff training, on-site
3 management assistance, and software development and conversion.